

8 Aug 73

Agnew holds televised press conference, denounces as lies reports that he took kickbacks from contractors in Maryland; says that last February he first heard rumors the investigation might involve him, early in April retained lawyer, Judah Best, and sent him (no date) to U.S. Atty in Baltimore, George Beall, to tell him he would not attempt to impede the investigation; was formally notified 2 Aug 73 that he was under investigation. OVER

From NYTimes story by _____ : "The broader impression of Agnew's half-hour appearance was an apparently self-conscious contrast with Mr. Nixon's sustained isolation from the press since the Watergate scandal broke around the White House."

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Warren issues statement for Nixon saying the fact that Agnew is under investigation ~~is~~ is "no reason for the President to change his attitude about the vice president or his confidence in the vice president."

Nixon issues statement expressing confidence in Agnew before flying to Camp David (today is a Wednesday), ~~XXXXXX~~ Leaves White House an hour after Agnew completes his press conference; was in his office during the news conference but did not watch it.

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Agnew - WXPPost 8 Aug carries two stories with interesting details on investigation of Agnew. Investigation began in Jan 73, at which time Beall was assuring Justice Dep't officials that whatever its outcome, Agnew could not be involved (statute of limitations?), but during May and June the emphasis began to shift to Agnew. (Beall app. by N, 1970.)

Cannon says that by mid-July Agnew was aware he was under investigation and was formally notified of this "last week" [2 Aug]; White House sources say Agnew told Nixon of this at Camp David either 5 or 6 Aug. Cannon, quoting "others who are close to Agnew," say it is possible Nixon learned of the investigation from Justice Dep't sources; from context, ~~before~~ before he was informed by Agnew.

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Christopher Lydon says Nixon "reportedly tried to prevent" Agnew press conference. During the press conference Agnew said he would "stand on his own feet." Lydon says, "A senior White House advisor commented immediately, 'Well, if he thinks he has to stand on his own two feet, we'll just let him.'"

NYT 24 Aug 73, Lydon

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Nixon's whereabouts

Sun 5 Aug Washington, having returned tonight
from "long weekend" at Camp David.
SFC 6 Aug

Mon 6 Aug Camp David; returns here "unexpectedly"
early afternoon; to remain overnight.
SFC [AP] 7 Aug

Tues 7 Aug Washington? Agnew has 1-3/4 hr
meeting with Nixon.
SFC [NYT] 9 Aug

Wed 8 Aug Camp David, leaving WX about an hour
after Agnew press conference.**
SFC [UPI] 9 Aug
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**Agnew, 3 p. - Reston,
NYT 10 Aug

Sat 11 Aug Still at Camp David.
SFC 12 Aug 73

From WXPPost, Evans and Novak, 31 Aug 73:

15 Aug White House, two nights
17 Aug Key Biscayne, three nights
20 Aug San Clemente, ten days

"During the past three weeks, he has moved from one place
to another no less than eight times."